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Mrs. Victoria Rutson  
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Docket No. FD 35522, *CSX Transportation, Inc. –Acquisition of Operating Easement—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company* – Quarterly Report No. 6

Dear Mrs. Rutson:

Pursuant to voluntary mitigation measure (“VM”) 45 imposed by the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) in *CSX Transportation, Inc. –Acquisition of Operating Easement—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company*, Docket No. FD 35522 (STB served February 8, 2013), CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) is submitting its sixth quarterly report on the progress of, implementation of, and compliance with the mitigation measures for the period of September 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014.

Enclosed is a chart describing the mitigation measures, the implementation deadlines, the process, and the status. Changes in the status from the fifth quarter chart filed on October 31, 2014, are in red.

In compliance with VM 45, CSXT will close the seventh quarter on February 28, 2015 and submit the seventh quarterly report by March 31, 2015.

On October 16, 2014, STB Vice Chairman Miller was given a tour of the Elsdon Line, CTCO, BRC, and passenger operations at Chicago Union Station.

CSXT is aware of the concerns of Evergreen Park and is continuing to work to resolve those concerns. To that end, CSXT continues to conduct a weekly conference call with Board staff to discuss performance on the Elsdon Line through Evergreen Park and Chicago’s 19<sup>th</sup> Ward. Additionally, this quarter, CSX Network Modeling has upgraded its monitoring of the crossings on the Blue Island Subdivision in Evergreen Park to better understand the dual impacts of the Elsdon Line and Blue Island Subdivision in Evergreen Park, going above and beyond the basics discussed with the Board and the community.

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In its efforts to continue to inform the community of the progress being made on the Elsdon Line and to address community concerns, CSXT representatives (CSXT Police Commander Jake Zygmuntowski, CSXT Assistant Division Manager Robert Holtz, CSXT CTCO Superintendent Danielle Renner, CSXT Community Affairs Jason Holder, and CSXT Regional VP Government Affairs Tom Livingston) met with Senator Bill Cunningham, Mayor Jim Sexton, Representative Kelly Burke, Representative Fran Hurley, and Alderman Matt O'Shea. At the meeting: CSXT provided updates on the investments made in the Elsdon Line and CREATE, as well as outside Chicago; CSXT explained the impacts its investments have had on traffic fluidity; CSXT reviewed the progress it is making in completing all of the mitigation conditions imposed by the Board; and CSXT representatives listened to the officials' experiences with the Elsdon Line. Handouts from this meeting were sent to Board staff.

During this quarter, there were six trains that blocked crossings.

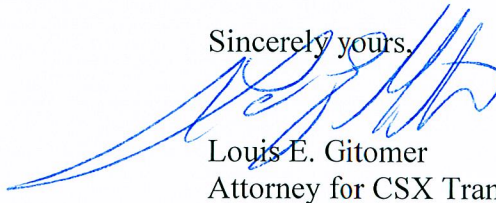
1. On September 19, 2014, the crossing at 115<sup>th</sup> Street was blocked.
2. On September 22, 2014, the crossings at 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, 99<sup>th</sup> Street, 94<sup>th</sup> Street, and Kedzie Avenue in Chicago and Evergreen Park were blocked for 105 minutes due to a non-CSXT train going into failure near Midway Airport.
3. On September 23, 2014, 111<sup>th</sup> and 115<sup>th</sup> Streets in Chicago were blocked.
4. On November 8-9, 2014, Dixie Highway was blocked between 10:30 pm and 12:30 am.
5. On November 22, 2014, Silbey Avenue was blocked in Harvey/South Holland for over four hours due to mechanical failure/accident.
6. On November 30, 2014, the crossing at 111<sup>th</sup> Street was blocked for 50 minutes due to congestion on the Elsdon Line.

The trains were not cut in accordance with VM 6 because it would have caused additional delay at the crossing. CSXT continues to work with the communities surrounding the Line and other carriers to resolve crossing issues.

During this quarter, CSXT continued to struggle with stopped and idling trains at 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. There were six incidents of idling trains at 103<sup>rd</sup> Street this quarter. These idling trains were caused by congestion on various lines in the Chicago Area. On October 6, 2014, Tom Livingston of CSXT met with residents at 103<sup>rd</sup> Street to discuss Elsdon Line issues.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure